

## **HJR 20: Health Care Price Transparency**

### ***Panel Discussion: Health Care Costs***

#### Background

The HJR 20 Subcommittee will hear about health care costs from the perspectives of four health care providers during its first meeting. The providers represent:

- a large hospital;
- a critical access hospital;
- a physician clinic; and
- an individual health care provider.

The panelists have been asked to specifically address the following questions:

1. Is your health care entity a for-profit or nonprofit organization?
  - a. If your entity is a for-profit organization, roughly what is your profit margin?
  - b. If your entity is a nonprofit entity, what kind of margin do you try to maintain? Do you benefit from donations? How are donations used to offset the costs of providing services?
2. In a general sense, what are your costs for providing the healthcare services that you or your organization offer? Include the aspects of your expenditure budget; for example, personnel, supplies, equipment, contracted services, utilities, maintenance, capital expenses.
3. Over the past 3-5 years how much have your costs for providing services increased? What areas of the budget have increased the most?
4. Over the past 3-5 years what efforts have you or your organization made to reduce costs? How successful have these efforts been?